Bristol, May 21st 1852

My dear Mr. May,

Though I cannot forbear regretting that I have not ~~wri~~ been able to write to you long ago, I neither dwell upon my disappointment, nor apologize for my neglect: ~~it has~~ they have been unavoidable, & probably much more vexatious ~~than~~ to me than to you. I could not have written to you before, as I should wish to write, without an outlay of strength, & an omission of Prof. work which neither my health nor your Cause could bear without some injury. I believe however, that in all essentials, the letters between Miss Anne Weston, Mr Quincy & ~~yourself~~ you on one part, & my daughter & myself on the other, have kept up a general supply of all necessary information.

The first of your two last letters I acknowledge is that written March 1st with the last box of invaluables forwarded from Dublin. We look at its contents with some of the interest you express in receiving our box of donations to the Bazaar. The Annual Report, the Bazaar Gazette, Mr Garrison's works & the Letter to Kossuth, are particularly

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valuable in my sight as *public* gifts & documents: and let me thank *you* much for your private addition of the "American Almanac", the "Sanitary Report", & other pamphlets. Our best thanks to Mr. May for "Uncle Tom's Cabin": we have read it with great interest, & think it will be *very* instructive & useful here. Fortunately a 2/6d edition is just printed in London, of which I have ordered 3 copies. The little said about Colonization does not appear to me as any great support of that scheme: it comes in naturally. A general sentiment exists here, & *I* partake of it, that tho' Coloniz. was, & is, badly *intended*, an important Colony *may be* founded in Liberia productive of future benefit to Africa & even to America.—

I am glad it occurred to me to send you a "Banner" with D.C.'s vile article. I am always wishing you to see what is going forward here: but it is a rather perplexing affair to send so many documents as we are desirous of dispersing to the many friends who would like to see them. We are not niggardly of time or money in procuring & sending about these publications -

My daughter has been working very hard in putting together "Statements" in reply to Dr Campbell, & Mr Webb has been indefatigable in helping, especially in the mechanical printing part: their joint "introductory Remarks," I am sure you will like - Mr Webb has just told me we can send a pamphlet under 2 oz. to Am.a for [illegible] one penny: - this is new to me: - if true, you shall profit by the reduction.

+ These attacks of the "Banner," are most injurious to your Society in this part of the world. There is no getting a counter-statement before the thousands who read, & believe the charges - Many now,

since Dr C's articles, think it hardly delicate to allude to Mr Garrison! This only renders the duty of replying more imperative. With you, the charges are but too gross to do any harm: it is otherwise among our unenlightened public
Never perhaps appears W. L. G's name, more than now, odious+

Mr James will pay for his Liberators
I will speak to Mr Webb about the S. of Wright £1.5.0 – I beg you will never hesitate to be as particular as possible about any money transactions between us, – I mean letting us know of any arrears, or omissions. It would be a great advantage, & I think no great trouble if Mr Wallcutt were to (as he once did,) to send receipts for the Libr. We look at our receipts & remember our obligations for the future.

I saw Mrs Follen often in London: she had no trace of her fearful accident: but the alteration in her look generally in the last 1½ years is immense: she is hardly

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2/ to be recognized. Miss Cubitt is devoted to her. I never talk to Mrs M. about her health, as her fancies about remedies & doctors appear to me an endless quackery – this entre nous –

I like to hear your views on English politics, & generally accord in them – Poor Thompson does not make way in public estimation: nor can he, for his position is a false one: he would be acting a more manly part were he to set to work at some honest employment & support his wife & family in an independent manner – In his present election proceedings he is severely handled, tho' in reality he has done nothing discreditable. It is uncertain if he will be returned for the T. Hamlets. With all my regard for him, I am sometimes inclined to hope he may be defeated, & may be compelled to leave a station in which he has little influence – I am grieved to see ~~my~~ an invaluable ally Mr Grant of the M. Adv. attacking ~~his~~ G.T. electioneering course ~~so~~ most violently –

You know, I believe, that I was in London in April for a fortnight: my time there was much devoted in advising & assisting Edwd. Mathews in his battle with Sable, for poor M. had no friends there who could give him the assistance he needed. He is an excellent fellow, & tho' a Liberty Party man, — an orthodox Minister — (in Aunt Weston & Mrs C's eyes a snake & hypocrite,) I greatly respect him, & see he is doing a work here which even Mr. W. Phillips could not effect. And he is a means of enabling us to work among the orthodox, & even of defending the Am. A. S. Soc: ~~Your view of his usefulness here is quite correct.~~

Your other unacknowledged letter bears date Feby. 8th. 1852. You take in it a very correct view of Ed. Mathews. It was but justice, & at the same time great wisdom in Mr. Garrison to insert in the report of a lecture of Mr. M's in the Lib. of Apl. 9, the few words of commendation of Mr. M. following the lecture. It will remove some of the unfounded suspicion extensively prevailing here, & of course kept up by our sham Libel; the

W. L. G. & his friends have not a good word for any one who ~~are~~ is not in entire sympathy with the "Am. A. S. Soc." I find that with many of our sensible allies, Mrs. Chapman & Miss Weston rather strengthened, than removed this impression.

I am glad in your letter to Mrs. H. Thomas, you answered decidedly some comment she must have made upon Geo. Thompson's harshness - Never lose an opp.y of letting in A. S. light upon a Carpenter. Mrs. H. T. is invaluable as respects the Bazaar, & there her A. S. ceases - she is a wonderful doer, but not a reader; & literally, knows nothing of the A. S. movement - I doubt if she ever read even a Bazaar Gazette, excepting what related to the Bristol box: - probably of the Lib.r & Standard, she has not in her whole life, read as much of them as 2 copies of each wd contain - From her brother Russell she has a conviction that the Boston Abol.s are illiberal, intolerant, & violent, & treat unkindly her brother's friends Dr. Gannett, Dr. Gilman &c &c She will never converse on the subject, & it is useless to send her any printed matter to read. If she had read her brothers' "Letters" she wd swear by them. Miss Carpenter knows more but says as little. She cannot bear to give up Dr. Waterston & Mr. Hall, &c as friends & cor-

correspondents, tho' she admits she could
not go to hear Dr. Gannett preach. I believe
she thinks more lowly of R. L. C's "Letters on
Anti-Slavery" than she chooses to let me
know — I hope you received R. C's "*letter*
from Whitfield"? — I begged him to send you a
copy, & I *hope you will notice the work*. R. C.
is greatly annoyed at the admirable review
of it which appeared in the M. A. of Feb. 14
& which Douglass copied into his paper — R. C.
wrote an angry letter to the M. Ad. about ~~it~~ the article
which the Ed. very civilly inserted. The
& in no respect amended R. C's case.
His great annoyance is the accusation of
having "*restrained prayer*", a perfectly legit-
imate charge, & he does not disprove it, only
contradicts it. He concludes his letter
funnily, by saying that he has labored
in the Anti-slavery cause "*more abundantly*
than most men" — but prudently adds, "*ac-*
cording to his light". A subsequent "Correspondent"
assures him *that* "*light*" was *darkness*.
At Bridgewater, R. C. has, I think, been the
means of alienating *all* the ~~faithful~~ old workers from the
true A. S. cause. They send nothing to the Bos-
Bazaar
I have at Mary's suggestion desired Mr Whitfield

3rd to send you a copy of Mrs Greer's "Quakerism." to which Mr. Webb alludes in his pamphlet. It is most amusing. Mr. Webb too is probably too right in describing the work as exaggerating & dishonest as to individuals described, Mrs Fry, J. J. Gurney, the misses of Bristol &c but he does not see what a true revelation it makes to those not of the body, of the silly ways, absurdities & inanities of "Friends." The precise mode in which Bristol "Friends" pay Church rates may not be true, but the spirit of their proceedings is not exaggerated: they pay their impost in quite as sneaking hypocritical a manner as Mrs Greer describes. I am sure the book will make you & Mrs May laugh.

I purpose being in London during the Whitsun week to attend the Anniv.y of the Br F. Unit.n Ass.n & for once, to be a peaceful attendant, — unless any Am.n Minister ~~the~~ whether of dubious A.S. character, or any complimentary Res.n be passed towards "our Am.n brethren," ignoring their plague-spot. I suspect I displeased R. L. C. the other day, by telling him I doubted not the agitation we had set up last year, would be the means of preventing any Am: Unit^n. Ministers, who were not known to be true A.S. men, from coming to visit us publicly. This is the point on which he is specially sore, calling it "illiberal," "excommunicating" & thoroughly opposed to Unit^n. tolerance.-

~~Last autumn when Mr. Carpenter was~~

Dr. Hale has been writing sad stuff to Miss Carpenter about the Fug. Slave Law, which was "dying out;" - "that the trouble & expense of returning him was so great, that such a thing would not be attempted again" that "their duty was clearly to be peaceable & not interfering," - "they must bear, but not resist the law"; as "he abounded in christian forbearance"; - that "he & his friends were quite misunderstood" here, &c. &c. - all of which I believe Miss C. swallowed. - Mr. Allen too has been writing to R.L.C. an approved letter, detailing his judicious A.S. action. We however, are quite up to his help in the Slaves behalf. I hope you had a Morn^g. Ad^r. of April 10th containing the correspondence

between Ed. Mathews & Scoble in which
Scoble sneaked so disgracefully out of the
interview with Mathews which he had
affected to desire, & had dared to invite.
I suspect nothing has damaged S. more
than this. I counselled M. in all the af-
fair, & so we stuck to the point of the
interview upon the liberal terms M. pro-
posed & S. refused, & would not be led to
any other issue by Scoble's artful ruses

When in London I shall endeavour
to get Mr. Mathews to come & meet Wm. Wells
Brown. My lodgings will probably be in
the house where B. is, 22 Cecil St. Strand —

Mr. Grant did not reply to Mr. Garrison's
last article in their controversy, & had made
up his mind not to do so, before he read
it. I took it to the office of the M. Adv.
(G. Thompson having given me his copy)
when it arrived in London: but finding him
in the most amiable frame of mind, (prob-
ably under some influence from a long con-
versation I had with him the preceding day)
and having decided not to return to the

subject, I did not leave the Lib^r with him.
The Ed^r of a daily English paper, must be
infallible; it is often wiser to let him remain
silent, if so disposed, when he has gone
"beyond his guidings" (vide Quakerism) than
to compel him to do more mischief in
maintaining a false position. Mr. Grant
is really most valuable to us: he wrote an
excellent article in the 7th May "M.Ad." paper
a copy was sent you. Always remember
Mr Grant is very evangelical, & you will
see his merit in consenting to work with
"infidel" Abol^s.

(Grant's admirable article by W. L. G.
red during Conven week
I read it at Brookline

You asked me some medical questions
which I will reply to in a separate letter.
A letter from a London friend came this mo
saying that a day or two since, at a large
horticultural show, she saw, "sitting like
a queen among her grand, but middle-
class (meaning vulgar looking) ~~friend~~ relatives
Emma Weston! The meeting was very
pleasant to both parties who were great friends.
We suspected Emma was in London, but
did not know it before — I will certainly
find her out, — as so faithful a servant, ~~and~~, as
~~bound to do~~ them, so "honored" a one, is bound to do.

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4th If a pamphlet come to you with only a penny charged to us, let me know what you pay for it.

My daughter is hard at work compiling with the other Secretary Miss Tribe, an Ann.l Report of the "B. & Clifton Ladies A.S.S." in which the whole history of its connexion with, & separation from the "B. & F.A.S.S." will be brought out. It will really be a valuable, historical document. How I should like to read it to you, Mr Quincy & Miss A. Weston! It will prove an admirable complement to the pamphlets of Messrs Quincy & Webb, as far as relates ~~relating~~ to the "B. & F.A.S.S." Capt. Stuart & John Scoble were the early, ~~guid~~ & wicked guides of the British Society & are duly mentioned -

We have invited Miss (Sarah) Pugh to visit us, & she has promised to come — "Uncle Tom's Cabin" in the English edition, is already flying about.

With our kind regards to Mrs May, I am my dear Friend, with a hundred other things I should like to say, Sincerely Yours

J. B. Estlin

What is the best form of sending money to Boston by post?

My daughter begs to enclose, as some fruit of the efforts of the Ladies' Soc, what hath placed the "South Devon Congregat'l Union," with the Sec's note, which may be published if desirable - It is clear they wish the Resol'n to be published. The "Reporter" has, in its usual disingenuous way given the substance of the Resol'n concealing all reference to the "Br. C.A.S. Soc" & to its transmission to the U.S.

Mr W. Brown writes me word of the continued attempts of Scoble to injure him, & he has at last called ~~him~~ S. to account. Samuel Robinson, (whom I wrote of to Mr Quincy) has been shamefully treated by J. [illegible]. Mr Garrison will recollect ~~him~~ Robinson.

Mr Whitfield will be sending to Boston in about 10 days, & will enclose "Dr Skinner & divers recent documents of the Ladies' A.S. Soc - Mr Armstrong tells me he wd like to send a letter by it to you - The illness in his family was his daughter's - she recovered.

Emma W. told my Miss Parkes, the lady before referred to, that Mrs Chapman wd probably go soon to Switzerland -

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